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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 remain in this application. Applicants have amended the specification to insert the sequence listing information as requested in the Notice mailed on March 8, 2004. No issues of new matter are believed to be raised by the above amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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